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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Director, Intelligence Community Staff

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SUBJECT: Community Computer

REFERENCE: Memo dated 22 February 1982 to Director, NSA
subj: Community Data Processing Support for
Capabilities Programming and Budget (CPB). ☐

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1. <u>Action Requested</u>: That you discuss the Community computer with HPSCI and SSCI principals and persuade them to include appropriate language in their conference report to permit acquisition and operation of such a computer by an appropriate NFIP entity.

2. <u>Background</u>:

a. As a result of our request to DIRNSA (reference) representatives from NSA have been working with us during the last two months detailing the requirements for a Community computer that could be used by all component programs in the NFIP to support their budget development and preparation of congressional justification material.

b. The primary budget functions that the computer will support are:

(1) creation and maintenance of budget data,

(2) preparation of budget submissions (including the integration of numeric reports <u>and supporting narrative</u>),

(3) electronic mail to facilitate the exchange among Program Offices and the ICS of issue papers, budget decisions, appeals, congressional questions and answers, etc., and,

(4) electrical transmittal of CBJB text and numbers to the CIA Print Plant.

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     c.   To fund the computer, the FY 1983 budget request for the ICS
included [blank] for contract support and [blank] for procurement of the   25X1
mainframe. We had anticipated using all or part of the funds budgeted in FY
1983 to reimburse NSA for costs incurred in the current fiscal year.

     d.   Initial markups by both the HPSCI and the SSCI cut the [blank] for   25X1
procurement. The SSCI further cut funds earmarked for contract support by
[blank] implying but not specifying the elimination of the [blank] to support the   25X1
computer development effort. In discussing the reasons for these cuts with
Danny Childs and Jim Bush, both seem to accept as plausible our stated need
for ADP improvements, but neither believes that a separate, IC staff computer
is justifiable. Their view is that upgrades to existing support from CIA
should be adequate. The specific language in each committee's report on the
computer is attached.

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     f.   In short, all meaningful alternatives that constitute "upgrades
to existing support" require acquisition of a stand alone computer. If Congress
cannot be convinced that a stand alone machine is of value, then we cannot make
significant improvements in current support. If Congress can be convinced, the NSA
solution set forth in the reference is clearly preferable.

    3.   Recommendation: That you open discussions with principals with the
goal of preventing conference language that prohibits acquisition of an ICS
stand alone mainframe computer. The NSA solution would be argued on its
substantive merit. If successful, this solution would allow us to continue
with the activity initiated by the reference, reimbursing NSA [blank] to be   25X1
authorized for contract support in FY 1983. Senator Wallop is a good candidate for
initial contact because he has privately indicated that he would do whatever he
could to help us maintain the quality of presentation and justification that was
exhibited in this year's hearings. Talking points are attached. The goal is to
have language included in the conference report essentially as follows:

      "The Intelligence Community Staff requested [blank] to improve   25X1
      computer support necessary to manipulate a range of data bases
      associated with IC Staff activities. The Committees have reviewed

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the system requirements and are not persuaded that the full ⬚ is   25X1
required. The Committees recommend, therefore, that the ⬚ be   25X1
reduced to ⬚   These funds should be used to develop necessary   25X1
support, relying upon existing expertise in <u>Community</u> elements as
appropriate."   25X1

Attachments:
    1. Committee Reports ⬚   25X1
    2. Talking Points ⬚   25X1

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